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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-8.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kawanobe et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: particularly discussed the recitation in claim 1 relating to the low driving force mode setting unit and its role in determining the downward slope direction as that in which the low driving force mode results in an increase in drive speed, and whether or not the Kawanobe et al. ('727) reference steps cited in the final rejection of 12/10/07 actually perform in a similar manner so as to properly anticipate the claimed subject matter of independent claim 1.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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